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Improved Postal Facilities.

Proposed Exchange of Railway Pouches in Transit.

The Excursion to the Centennial Grounds.

Three Hundred and Fifty Distinguished Persons in the Party, Counting the Correspondents.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 17, 1875.

Another Reform Proposed by the Postmaster General.

The Postmaster General has under consideration another important step in the enlargement of postal facilities. He proposes to establish a system of exchange of pouches between railroad postoffices, to be made up in transit. The advantage gained will be a great saving in time, the necessity of re-entering thus being avoided. The Pacific pouch, for instance, on the New York and Chicago last line, would save three entries and from twelve to twenty-four hours of time. The experiment of this new postal enterprise will be made on the line named and also on the Washington and Weldon, and, if demonstrated practicable and advantageous by experience, will be applied to a number of other through roads. The work of distribution will all be done on the cars.

The Congressional Excursion

to the Centennial buildings and grounds at Fairmount, which left here this afternoon, was attended by the President of the United States and five members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and four Associates, twenty-nine United States Senators, 180 Representatives and Delegates in Congress, forty-nine Washington correspondents, representing the leading newspapers of the United States, George Bancroft, the historian, ex-Governors Brown, of Tennessee, and Foote, of Mississippi, United States Treasurer New and officers of both Houses of Congress—in all numbering about 350 persons. The excursion embraces a larger number of distinguished guests than ever left the city in a body. The affair promises in every way to be worthy of the great occasion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17, 1875.

EX-COMMISSIONER SMITH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

The trustees of the Howard University have unanimously elected Mr. Smith, late Commissioner of Indian Affairs, President of the University.

FOREIGN MINISTERS APPOINTED.

The President has appointed George F. Seward, Consul General at Shanghai, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China, *vice* Avery, deceased, and James Birney, of Michigan, Minister to the Netherlands.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers have been in session in this city the past few days. There were present Chief Justice Waite, Gen. B. F. Butler, Gov. Bagley, Gov. Governor Smith, of New Hampshire; Dr. E. B. Walcott, of Wisconsin, and Gen. James S. Negley, of Pennsylvania. Reports from the several homes showed that 6,651 disabled soldiers were cared for during the past year, as follows: At Central Branch, Dayton, Ohio, 3,769; at Eastern Branch, Augusta, Maine, 1,098; at Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, 367; at Southern Branch, Hampton, Virginia, 871; being a total of 892 more than were supported last year.

CHICAGO.

Association of Transportation and Commerce.

CHICAGO, December 17.—In the National Association of Transportation and Com nerce, this morning, Mr. Dietrich, of Illinois, presented a resolution calling on Congress to make annual appropriations for the improvement of navigable waters of the country, such appropriations to be in relative proportion to those for harbors and seaports.

H. G. Anderson, of Illinois, presented a resolution to the effect that the Illinois river should be improved.

The committee appointed to examine and report on the paper of H. F. Lewis, in which he made serious charges against elevator owners in New York, Buffalo and Chicago, alleging that they practiced extortion, etc., reported that the paper was not, in their opinion, warranted by the facts and that the Convention should express disapproval of it.

Ex-Governor Dougherty, of Illinois, presented a resolution declaring that Congress should open two great water routes, one on the Mississippi river by the Illinois, by way of the lakes and Erie Canal, and the other *via* the Mississippi river to the Gulf.

General Mumford, of Virginia, read a paper giving a statement of the needs of that State in the matter of transportation.

The committee on the next place of meeting reported that Louisville seemed the most desirable place.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following officers, which were elected: President, John F. Henry, of New York; and one Vice President from each State and Territory in the Union: Treasurer, F. B. Thurber, of New York; Secretary, Frank Gilbert, of Chicago; Assistant Secretary, Henry Stolen wolks, of Alabama, and an Executive Committee composed of the above mentioned officers.

The Convention then adjourned till two o'clock.

In the evening session the Committee on Resolutions submitted a report. Mr. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, delivered a minority report, which the Convention laid on the table. The resolutions of the majority declare that the great pressing need of the country is a system of transportation equal to the requirements of the age; that to the want of such a system is due the present unsatisfactory condition of trade and commerce; that the presence of a metallic currency is the result, and not the cause, of commercial prosperity; that to restore such a currency it is only necessary to supply the means of exporting our products at prices which will enable us to sell them in other countries; that this consummation can only be reached by an adequate system of transportation, which only the co-operation of the people and the Government can secure; that a new and more extensive class of transportation is demanded; that the corporate power embodied in transportation lines has become so organized that it now able to dictate values to the produce, prices to the consumer, and profits to the manufacturer and trader; that further extension of this power must be prevented by building competing lines to protect the public interests; that when national aid is extended it should be done by a contract with the lowest responsible bidder; that as the means to this end, the National Government should as speedily as possible undertake the construction of the lines of transportation recommended by the United States Senate Committee on Transportation Routes; that a national railway, exclusively for freight, should be constructed to connect the great grain growing sections of the West to the Atlantic seaboard, to the end that this great territory, with its dense population, and the principal distributing cities at the East and West may not be wholly at the mercy of existing railroads when water routes are closed by ice; that if it is deemed inexpedient that the Government should own this road, it should lend aid in its construction and supervise it, as seemed necessary thereafter.

These resolutions were debated for several hours and finally adopted, without alteration or amendment, nearly unanimous. Numerous additional resolutions were offered, including one calling on the State of New York to provide for cleaning and deepening the Erie Canal, as required by law, and to consider the advisability of enlarging said canal. This was adopted. A resolution was adopted relative to deep water communication between the great Western lakes, Montreal and New York city, by way of Lake Champlain and the Caughnawaga Ship Canal. A resolution looking toward the speedy completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad met some opposition and was referred to the Committee on Railroads. A resolution favoring the completion of both the Southern and Northern Pacific Railroads was adopted.

The committees were then announced by the President and the Convention adjourned to meet in Louisville, in August next.

FIRE RECORD.

Toledo—$13,000.

TOLEDO, O., December 17.—The Erie Street Flouring Mills in this city were partially destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $13,000; insurance $7,000.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

The Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra have returned to Copenhagen, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and her children, who will spend the holidays in Denmark.

The Empress of Germany has started an association among the ladies of Bremen with the object of collecting and administering funds and appliances for the aid of the sufferers by the dynamite explosion at Bremerhaven on Saturday last.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—Rising, followed by falling barometer, northeast to southeast winds and warmer and clear.

A dispatch from London says default has been made in the payment of interest on the Peruvian debt.

The steamship Vaderland, from Philadelphia for Antwerp, is ashore in the Scheldt river, but is not expected to come to.

An entire family living near Westfield, ten miles north of Indianapolis, are sick from eating diseased pork. A little girl of the family has died from the effects.

Owing to the refusal of the United States authorities to allow Canadian vessels to navigate American canals on the same footing as American vessels, the Dominion Government have prepared a case and forwarded it to Secretary Fish.

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Bread made from this Flour is never wasted.

XLIV. CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 17, 1875.

SENATE.

Mr. EDMUNDS submitted the following:

WHEREAS, Since the last session of the Senate the Vice President of the United States has deceased; therefore,

Resolved, That on the seventh of January next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the Senate will proceed to the election of a President *pro tem.*

Mr. EDMUNDS said he offered this resolution and would like to have it lie over and be printed, in order that during the recess Senators might look up precedents and consider the important question which has been suggested in newspapers and otherwise in respect to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate in the event of what, in the course of life, was a probable contingency. He had no personal doubt that the present presiding officer of the Senate was President *pro tem.* within the Constitution, but it was his [Edmunds] opinion that it was advisable, if there was any possible doubt about it, that the Senate should put the question at rest.

Mr. THURMAN suggested that the Senator from Vermont consent to having the resolution referred, either to the Committee on Judiciary, of which he [Edmunds] was Chairman, or to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. If referred to the committee a report could be made and the Senate should have a report upon it from some committee.

Mr. BOUTWELL suggested that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. THURMAN moved that it be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. SAULSBURY said he was a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, but he did not seek to avoid any duty. It occurred to him that this question properly belongs to the Judiciary Committee, and he moved to refer it to that committee.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he was willing to have it referred, and the motion of Mr. Saulsbury was carried. Subsequently that motion was reconsidered and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate unfinished business, being the resolution of the Senator from Indiana [Morton], authorizing the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the recent election in Mississippi.

Mr. THURMAN hoped the discussion upon this resolution would go over until Monday.

Mr. BAYARD said a number of Senators had accepted an invitation to visit the Centennial buildings in Philadelphia to-morrow before the Senator from Indiana brought in his resolution. Had they known his resolution was to have been brought forward they would not have accepted the invitation. He [Bayard] was not one of those who had accepted, but others had, and they would not like to be disappointed.

Mr. MORTON said he had been spoken to by several Senators who had made arrangements to go to Philadelphia. With his experience in the Senate, he knew the difficulty in attempting to keep the Senate in session to dispose of the matter. If a vote could be taken in an hour, he would be glad to have it; if not, he would not press the resolution to-day, and therefore made no objection to its going over till Monday.

The Senate then went into executive session, and on the opening of the doors adjourned until Monday next.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL, the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution for an adjournment, postponing the day of meeting from the 4th to the 5th of January, was agreed to.

The SPEAKER, alluding to the necessity of having a Committee on Enrolled Bills, in respect to bills that might pass Congress before the holiday adjournment, appointed Mr. Harris such committee.

Mr. WELLS introduced and asked to have put on its passage a bill to change the name of the steamboat "Tom Jasper," of St. Louis, to that of "Centennial."

Mr. CONGER spoke of the bad policy of changing the names of vessels, and characterized it as a fraud upon the public which for the last six years Congress had steadily refused to countenance.

Mr. HOLMAN also opposed the bill and argued for its reference to the Committee on Commerce.

After further discussion and several preliminary votes, the bill was passed—yeas 128, nays 96.

Mr. PAGE, of California, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States, as framed by the fathers of the Republic, imposes no limits on the eligibility of any citizen to the office of President, further than that he must be native born and of certain age and time of residence; therefore,

Resolved, That, until 1880, the present Congress of this House, the right of selecting candidates for the office of President can only be lawfully exercised by the people under the existing constitutional restrictions, and has never been delegated by the people to the House of Representatives or to any of the members of the same; and that any attempt by the House of Representatives, or by any of the members of the same; and that any attempt by the House of Representatives, or by any of the members of the same, to usurp the power to forestall the public will on a question of such importance, is an invasion of the powers reserved by the people at large to be exercised at the polls by them, without any interference from any legislative body whatever.

The reading of the resolution was greeted with laughter on both sides of the House, and the House refused to second the previous question—yeas 30, nays 89.

Mr. COX offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs inquire into and report upon the expediency and justice of giving to the German Empire the money required by the fifth article of the treaty with the North German Empire, signed February 22, 1871, for the ratification of said treaty, or so much thereof and of the protocol of June 12, 1871, as related to citizens of the United States, their renunciation of naturalization and their political condition in Germany under said treaty and protocol.

The House then adjourned till Monday next, with the understanding that business on that day shall be confined to the announcement by the Speaker of any communications he may have to make.

PHILADELPHIA.

Arrival of the Washington Excursion—Chestnut Street Illuminated and Decorated—Cordial Reception of the Guests.

PHILADELPHIA, December 17.—The Congressional delegation reached here about eight o. m. and were driven in carriages to hotels. The President and wife and Colonel Fred. Grant and wife are the guests of George W. Childs. Postmaster General Jewell is the guest of Colonel William McMichael. Secretary Robeson and Attorney General Pierrepont are stopping with ex-Secretary Borie. Justices Waite, Field and Bradley are the guests of Hon. Thos. H. Dudley, of Camden. The whole party, the Cabinet, Supreme Court, Senators, Representatives and newspaper correspondents number about four hundred.

Chestnut street, over which the train of carriages passed, was handsomely illuminated, the windows of private dwellings being thrown open and lighted; likewise the stores, which were in many instances handsomely decorated. The buildings of the Reform Club, American Club and Neptune Club were illuminated and decorated, presenting a striking appearance. The crowd in attendance at the Continental Hotel was so great, both inside and out, that the police were obliged to put up ropes to make a passage way for the guests.

A committee of merchants escorted the party to this city, meeting them at Wilmington. Mr. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Reception, presented to the President, at Wilmington, a letter from the Mayor of Philadelphia, extending to him and the distinguished delegation the hospitalities of Philadelphia. President Grant replied in a few remarks. The newspaper correspondents are being entertained to-night by the reporters of Philadelphia.

ERIE.

A Crooked Grocery and Liquor Transaction—Suspicious Shipment of Goods to Pittsburgh.

ERIE, PA., December 17.—A mysterious business transaction recently occurred here. Two strangers came here in the latter part of November, rented a place of business under the style of Grannis, Brother, and advertised to open a wholesale grocery and liquor store on the 15th inst. Only one of the firm, registering himself as "D. W. Grannis, St. Louis," put in an appearance, and with him came a bookkeeper, hailing from Toledo and calling himself J. C. Chapman, who claims to have been formerly a distiller in St. Louis. Large quantities of goods were received from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and New York, which, instead of being taken to their store and unpacked, were carted into barns, the marks erased and then shipped to Wm. Haisch, Pittsburgh, the shipper signing himself R. A. Spilker. The pair followed the goods, leaving unpaid hotel bills. A detective is now working up the case.

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WORK OR BREAD.

Two Thousand Unemployed People of Montreal at the City Hall.

Answer of the Council to their Demands --Work to be Given to a Limited Number---Serious Trouble Feared.

MONTREAL, December 17.—This forenoon about one thousand unemployed people, mostly French Canadians, assembled in front of City Hall, where they remained for some time in an excited state, but beyond relieving a bread wagon of a dozen loaves, no reprehensible acts were committed. The Mayor spoke to the crowd, advising them to adjourn till 3 P. M., when the Council would be ready to give some answer in response to the demand for work or bread. A majority of the assemblage then marched through the streets in a tumultuous column.

At 3 P. M. a disorderly throng of over 2000 surrounded City Hall and, despite a large body of police, the mob attacked a beer wagon, took the casks and drank the contents. A bread wagon was then cleaned out. Ten minutes later a fight took place, and order was restored with difficulty. The Aldermen locked up the various departments and discussed the propriety of reading the riot act.

The Mayor then addressed the assemblage from the balcony, counseling quiet on their part, saying that violence would only make matters worse. He said the Council was to meet and give the matter earnest consideration. He reflected on a few who wanted to create disorder, and was interrupted by cries of "We are suffering and want food." Several encounters took place between the police and the excited mob, Chief Penton taking an active part. Several arrests were made, and upon the approach of reinforcements the crowd fled in every direction. A number were intoxicated, and while no doubt a large number of laborers were present who really deserved work, many simply wanted an opportunity to plunder.

At the Council the Mayor read an answer from Premier Mackenzie to his letter describing the state of destitution in the city. The Premier said there was too great disposition to lean on the Federal Government in this crisis. They could adopt no special policy touching the case. Contracts had been let for a portion of the enlargement and the contractors requested to proceed with every portion possible during the winter; but to go ahead would require emptying the canal, thus throwing a thousand millers out of employment. The route not presenting sufficient canal was not yet decided on, owing to difficulties, but contracts would be let during the winter, which will furnish a good deal of employment early in the spring.

The Mayor said now was the time for the Council to take measures for relief—not by distributing charity, but by giving work, after a long discussion the Council decided to employ as many as they could in earthworks at sixty cents per day. The police are out, armed, expecting trouble to-night.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ENGLISH BONDHOLDERS.

LONDON, December 17.—Messrs. Hurst and Watkin, committee of Erie bondholders in England, propose the following scheme to be carried out under foreclosure by a committee, of which Governor Tilden is to be invited to take the chairmanship. The plan proposes to give bondholders voting power until the completion of the undertaking is retrieved and the reduction of fixed liabilities to a level with net revenues, by reducing onerous rent charges, and also by reducing enormous rates of interest on Erie first and second mortgage bonds, as follows: Holders of first mortgage bonds now of sterling value, per bond, shall receive mortgage bonds of the same class for interest at present rates to March 1, 1878, and thereafter, until 1880, interest shall be payable in gold at six per cent., and after that time at seven per cent., the company having the right to redeem, prior to 1889, at 105. For Erie second mortgage, including convertible gold bonds, two classes of gold sterling mortgage bonds, running ninety years, are to be substituted, the first to carry per cent. on the principal, carrying interest at six per cent., payable in bonds of same class, from dates of default until March, 1881, and thereafter in gold; the second for forty per cent. of the principal, carrying four per cent. interest and payable only out of net earnings until 1881, and thereafter five per cent. The dividend on preferred stock is to be reduced to six per cent. Assessments are to be levied at the rate of three dollars on the hundred on preferred stock and six dollars on the hundred on ordinary stock, shareholders receiving for the assessments thus paid third mortgage bonds, to bear five per cent. interest, payable only from net earnings, and also shares in the reconstructed company. A meeting of bondholders is called for January 4, 1876, to consider the foregoing propositions.

Scotland.

LORD DERBY IN EDINBURGH—SPEECH ON THE EASTERN QUESTION.

EDINBURGH, December 17.—The Earl of Derby was to-day formally installed as Rector of the University of Edinburgh, and delivered his inaugural address. In the evening he made a speech before the Conservative Registration Association, in the course of which he alluded to England's relations with Egypt. He denied that the Suez Canal purchase signified a reversal of England's policy on the Eastern question, and disclaimed any desire on the part of the Government to establish a protectorate over Egypt. He declared that the only object of the Government was to obtain additional security for uninterrupted access to India.

France.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS—GENERAL CISSEY ELECTED SENATOR.

VERSAILLES, December 17.—The ministerial crisis caused by the intended withdrawal of M. Leon Say, Minister of Finance, continues, inasmuch as M. Say persists in his determination to resign.

In the Assembly to-day, General Cissey, Minister of War, was elected to the Senate.

Marine News.

HULL, December 17.—Steamship Navarino, from New York, arrived.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 17, 1875.

MEETING OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH—CHARACTERISTIC SPEECH BY MR. BEECHER—HE WANTS TO BE TRIED AGAIN AND HE DOESN'T.

At a business meeting of Plymouth church to-night, Deacon West's letter was placed on file, not on the minutes. Professor Raymond then read and proposed for adoption a letter-missive for Mrs. Moulton, recommending the calling of an advisory council of churches for January 11th, to consider whether Plymouth church, in its rules for the maintenance of discipline, &c., departs from the usage of the Church of Christ and forfeited the confidence of Congregational churches, etc.

The motion being made to adopt the report, Col. Sherman moved a slight amendment.

Mr. Beecher inquired if that would not open up the whole investigation of 1874.

Mr. Sherman replied, "Yes."

"Then," said Mr. Beecher, "I am for it." [Applause.]

After the motion was carried, Mr. Beecher said:

"There never was a man in America so tried as I have been [laughter]—tried by the newspapers and then by a committee of church men for two months, availing itself of every source of information, and I was acquitted; and then tried by a council of churches, with no one to act as a judge. There is not in the record of American jurisprudence such a trial or such grinding over. [Laughter.] Now I hear it said all the time that this church is afraid of trying me. [Laughter.] They want another trial. [Laughter.] Nothing done after eight months of investigation, and I, Mr. Grannis, of St. Louis," put in an appearance, and with him came a bookkeeper, hailing from Toledo and calling himself J. C. Chapman, who claims to have been formerly a distiller in St. Louis. Large quantities of goods were received from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and New York, which, instead of being taken to their store and unpacked, were carted into barns, the marks erased and then shipped to Wm. Haisch, Pittsburgh, the shipper signing himself R. A. Spilker. The pair followed the goods, leaving unpaid hotel bills. A detective is now working up the case.

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THE DYNAMITE PLOT.

Two Hundred Persons Killed and Wounded—Thompson's Wife Considered Innocent—Another Explosive Package said to be on the Salier.

BREMEN, December 17.—Thompson's wife has returned to Dresden. She appears innocent of any complicity in her husband's crime. The total number of killed and wounded by the explosion is now estimated at two hundred.

LONDON, December 18, 6 A. M.—The Bremerhaven *Zeitung* asserts, in spite of all contradictions, that, according to Thompson's confession, there is another explosive package on board the steamer Salier, where one had already been discovered.

Note.—The Salier left Bremerhaven on the 16th for Southampton and New York, in place of the disabled Mosel.

POLITICAL.

Tennessee.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR MAYOR OF MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS, December 17.—Judge John R. Flippin, of the Criminal Court, was nominated for Mayor to-day by the Democratic Conservative Convention. His opponent was ex-Mayor John Johnson.

State.

The Cincinnati *Times* thinks that owing to the defeat of Randall and the probable packing of the Committee of Ways and Means in opposition to protection that Pennsylvania will celebrate the Centennial with a rousing Republican majority. There is no doubt of it!

General.

What has become of all the "war Democrats" in Congress?—*Pittsburgh* COMMERCIAL.

They are there—sixty-nine of 'em. They cough, too, but in gray uniforms.—*Buffalo Express.*

If Bishop Haven isn't a better bishop than he is a politician, he had better retire from the business. His third term speech was in bad taste, and not in accordance with Republican sentiment.—*Dayton Journal.*

Of the twenty-six who have held the Speakership of Congress, only six are now living, namely: Hunter, Winthrop, Banks, Grow, Colfax and Blaine. Hunter is State Treasurer of Virginia, Banks and Blaine are in Congress, and the others are in private life.

The editor of the *Sunday National Intelligencer*, which came out for the third term last week, has been appointed to a clerkship in one of the departments. It must be truly gratifying to see unselfish patriots taken care of in that way.—*Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.*

In the municipal elections in Massachusetts on the 14th inst., the Republicans carried every ward of Newburyport; the Independent ticket was elected in Worcester, and in Springfield the Republicans elected the Mayor, seven out of eight aldermen and a large majority of the City Council. The Republicans also carried all the wards but one in Keene, N. H.

The Whitehall *Times*, a Democratic paper published in the State of New York, pays the following tribute to the Democratic party: "There is a portion of the voters of every town that hold off on election day until the last moment, expecting a job for their votes; that a large portion of this vote is naturally Democratic, and that therefore, to keep them straight, Democrats have been obliged to pay them for voting." The New York *Tribune* considers that "the Republican party is in a critical condition." We are not able to perceive that such is the case. It carried almost every State in which there was an election last fall, and as the Democrats in the House of Representatives are letting their Southern secret out, in their carpet-bagging with the high hand, it seems quite likely that the Republican party will win again, next fall, upon a platform of sound financial principles, while the Democratic party has repudiated.—*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.*

The Forty-fourth Congress will have one unique case of contested election to decide. It may be summarized as a case of check, colossal check, enough to equip a regiment of army mules and then more than supply Barney Caulfield, of Bridgeport. Its possessor is Augustus M. Lowry, who lives in the Thirty-second district of New York. At the last election of Congressmen, the vote of this distaict stood: Norton, 16,779; Cary, 9,439; Lowry, 5. This leaves 10,000 against Lowry and only 5 for him; but he modestly claims the seat on the ground that he was the only person voted for as "Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress," and that therefore only his five ballots should be counted. It is a pity that Barnum has gone out of the show business. He would certainly have secured Mr. Lowry as an unique curosity.

The New York *Times* publishes letters giving some interesting details of the political situation in the two States (Connecticut and New Hampshire) in which the first elections of the Presidential year will take place next spring, and showing that steps are being taken to bring into action the full force of the Republican party. In Connecticut there is some talk of nominating Governor Ingersoll for re-election, but with no probability that he will give up his present position. In New Hampshire the contest is likely to be close, with the prospect of a Democratic victory unless the Connecticut Legislature will confirm Mr. English in the Senate, Mr. Barnum, a wealthy absentee and do-nothing now in the House, Gening consulted to restrain his aspirations for the present. The present Governor will probably be renominated by the Democrats, but another State election will be held in the autumn, under the amended Constitution.

STATE NEWS.

The Wilson obsequies cost the city of Philadelphia $7,000.

Reading's school treasurer has just celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday.

Jonathan Roberts, a New Jersey spiritualist, has sued the Philadelphia *Times* for libel.

General A. H. Coffroth has bought the Somerset *Democrat* from John J. Hoffman.

Catharine Bloom, a well known teacher in the Moravian seminary for young ladies at Bethlehem, died recently at the age of ninety years. She was a teacher in the seminary thirty-three years.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company recently purchased property in Norristown with a view of erecting a new depot. The property cost therefor $30,000. The Norristown track will be extended to Perkimon junction.

A cup of coffee is not generally looked upon as dangerous; but at Altoona, the other day, a child upset one and scalded its arm and side, and the scalding caused the youngster's death. It was an infant, son of Henry Cornelius.

York borough is a great resort for tramps. On Friday night forty-two applied at the watch house for lodgings. During the night six of the band were arrested on a charge of building a fire of railroad ties and burning them along the Harrisburg Railroad.

James Cox, a boatman from Harrisburg, was killed at Glen Cove lock, on the tide water canal below Wrightsville, a few days ago. As the boat was entering the lock he fell between the boat and the lock, and was so seriously injured as to cause his death a short time after the accident occurred.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Board of Public Education, on the 14th inst., a communication was received from an organization calling itself the "Liberal League," petitioning the Board to prohibit the use of the Bible in the public schools. The subject, after discussion, was tabled by an almost unanimous vote.

All the fire companies in Corry have disbanded, or are about to do so, except the Crosby hose, which is a chartered company. The reason thereof is the parsimonious action of the City Council in refusing to furnish gas for the different companies and denying their request for a small appropriation with which to purchase rubber coats.

The trial of Thomas Francis Curley for the murder of Miss Mary Ann Whitby, last May, was begun at Norristown on Friday afternoon. The prisoner is about nineteen years of age, has no intelligence in his looks, but is rather of a stupid appearance. He was brought up in ignorance and without instruction as to right or wrong, and his instincts appear to have been of a coarse and brutal nature. He appeared calm in the dock and seemed not to realize the very serious situation in which he is placed.

On December 1st, ex-Sheriff Miller left his home in Clearfield and has not since been heard from. At first it was supposed that there had been foul play, as he had considerable money on his person which Mr. Miller reported was to be paid to an Indiana firm, but subsequent events go to show that he has gone West. The reasons assigned for his strange behavior are many, the most reasonable one being financial difficulties. It is now currently reported that Mr. James Mitchel, of Clearfield, is also missing and rumor says that financial embarrassment is the cause. We hope that all may yet turn out better than is now anticipated. The latest sensation is the disappearance of S. P. Shaw, dentist, of the same place, who, it is reported, has several thousand dollars in his possession which belongs to other people.—*Curwensville Times.*

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THE BANKRUPT LAW.

Adjourned Public Meeting—Repeal Demanded.

An adjourned meeting of business men was held yesterday afternoon, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, to take further action in reference to the bankrupt law.

The meeting was called to order at half-past two by ex-Mayor Wilson, who stated anew the object—to consider the repeal or modification of the bankrupt law.

The report of the committee appointed at the last meeting was called for, but the Chairman, Mr. Edwin Lare, stated that a majority were not present, and asked for further time.

Judge Mellon was called upon, and he was out of practice (legal) he had no bias on the subject. As to the bankrupt law, the first was passed in 1867, and in three years was pronounced a fraud. The second was passed in 1874, and it was soon proven a snare and a cheat. But the people soon forgot their former experience, and are in the midst of another era of bankruptcy. The principle upon which it was supposed to be based was, that worthy men could be released from difficulties and permitted to start again. This was all right, but under existing laws that could be accomplished, and there was no need for a bankrupt law. The "equal distribution of assets" was a nice thing on paper. This distribution was made as oysters are served on the shell. The lawyers and court officers quietly ate the oysters, while the shells were equally distributed among the hungry creditors. (Applause.) The bankrupt law induced to extravagance and recklessness, and therefore destroyed confidence among business men. The present bankrupt law was the worst they ever had. He contrasted some of the features of the present law with that of 1842, to show that the latter act fraudulently shielded the fraudulent debtor. The composition clause was simply a means for letting the debtor apply the remnant of his assets in his own way. As to preference of creditors, the present law was inferior to that of 1842, and rather favored preferences. There was no necessity for a bankrupt act at all, and the sooner it was repealed the better. Under the law, just as injurious to business as the one under consideration, was that permitting defendants to testify in their own behalf—a law that had turned our courts of justice into arenas for fraud and perjury.

Mr. Lare, chairman, presented the report of the committee, which recommended the repeal or amendment of the bankrupt law.

Captain Kountz was in favor of asking Congress to do just what the people wanted—to repeal the act.

Mr. Bindley took the same view, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Captain Kountz offered a motion, requesting our representatives in Congress, Messrs. Hopkins and Cochran, to use their influence to have the bankrupt act repealed.

The executive committee was instructed to prepare the form of memorial demanding the repeal of the bankrupt law, and have the same circulated for signatures. Copies will be left at the several banks, where they can be signed.

The meeting then adjourned.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

George S. Lacey *et al.* vs. Wm. H. McLean & Co., Pittsburgh. The hearing upon the motion for an injunction against Willis Boothe and Wm. B. McLean continued to the 22d inst.

A. W. Kreidel and E. Mangold, bankrupts. An order was made for a meeting of

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1875.

SPEAKER KERR will announce the House committees next Monday, and then we shall know whether it is possible to make first class structures out of third rate materials.

"THE fat fugitive" is what the New York *World* calls TWEED. Well, fat always rises to the top of the water, and TWEED is said to be getting along swimmingly in dictating terms to the law.

THE Springfield *Republican* recalls the fact, interesting just now, that the Empress EUGENIE was the stronghold of De LESSEPS in getting France to undertake the Suez Canal, against the opposition of Lord PALMERSTON. *Cherchez la femme.*

IT IS gratifying to learn that the ROTHSCHILD syndicate have very nearly closed out the remnant of the new five per cent. loan, and the whole will undoubtedly have been sold before the 15th of next February, when the last call for the redemption of the five-twenties falls due.

THE *Gazette*, we are sorry to see, is compelled to differ with Secretary BRISTOW on the finance question. If the Secretary had any big advertisements at his disposal the *Gazette* could be made to see eye to eye with him in a very short time. As it is, it is very sad that that paper is forced to differ with the Secretary.

THE Treasury Department has just made an important decision to the effect that all vessels carrying oil must unconditionally surrender their certificates, inasmuch as declining to receive passengers does not divest them of the character of passenger carriers. It is a humane order. Now let it be rigidly enforced.

BISHOP HAVEN had better transfer the field of his missionary operations to Congress. Only eighteen out of 292 members of the House could be brought to vote in favor of the third term, and even they did not seem very enthusiastic about it. He will find this a better place for his work of political proselytism than a preacher's meeting at Boston.

THE rural Congressmen of the Democratic party, are playing the mischief. "You blow me up," says FERNANDO WOOD to KERR, "for not keeping 'em in hand; but what can a fellow do with a set of pig-headed bumpkins who, when invited out to dinner, drink water out of their finger-bowls, wipe their noses on their napkins, and then go to bed and blow the gas out?"

THERE is at least one flourishing industry in the United States, to streak with promise the gloom of the general depression. Some of the Paterson, N. J., silk mills, have lately taken on additional help, and the *Guardian* says that nearly all the manufacturers, there and elsewhere, have strong hopes of a prosperous spring trade and think that work will continue to increase until that time.

A DEMOCRATIC paper of Titusville has gained for itself the unenviable notoriety of publishing the most unmanly, indecent and mendacious attack on President GRANT which has ever appeared in print. The paper and its editor deserve the contempt of all decent men and women in Titusville, and will be pretty sure to get it. The *Herald* of that city makes a gallant defense of the President, which, so far as it relates to his personal character, we heartily indorse.

THE Democratic House of Representatives is unable or unwilling to pass a bill to repeal the section which last winter increased the postage on transient mail matter, and refuses steadily to come to a vote on any proposition connected with the financial question; but it is prompt to express its decided conviction that, in the choice of subordinate officers of the House, a rebel soldier is to be preferred to a wounded and crippled Union soldier. That is the one sole result of the deliberations of the Democratic House of Representatives, since it met, and it is about all it will accomplish prior to January 5.

THOMPSON, the Dynamite fiend, who coolly plotted an explosion to take place in mid-ocean that would have sent hundreds of people to a sudden death, and whose plans were anticipated by a premature explosion on the wharf at Bremerhaven, turns out to be an American, but one who left his country for his country's good. He was a blockade runner during the war, and his place in history is along side of the pirate SEMMES, and the other naval servants of the Confederacy. America would be glad to disown the fiend, if she could; but, as she cannot, it is some consolation to know that his place among our people was not one in which any body feels the slightest spark of pride.

THE New York *Herald* chuckles over the passage of the anti-third term resolution in the House as a great Democratic victory, inasmuch as it compelled the Republican members to vote for it against their will. But it was *not* against their will. The Republican members of the House knew that their constituents were opposed to the third term, and they voted accordingly. If there is any party capital in the resolution, the Republicans have the advantage of it; for it is the Democrats who really want to have GRANT renominated and the Republicans who do not. The true policy of the Democrats is to encourage the third term, and not to discourage it, for they alone can profit by it.

WE PUBLISH the following table showing the rate of taxation upon the hundred dollars of valuation in various cities and towns of Ohio, as an item of valuable information. These towns are a pretty fair average for that State, and the table shows that the range, for 1876, will be from $1 65 to $2 70, upon a valuation that is a very near approximation to the price property would bring in the current condition of the market. This tax rate, it must be understood, is the tax for *all* purposes whatever—State, county, city, poor and school:

Wooster	2.17	Leetonia	2.63
Warren	2.12	Alliance	2.31
Wellsville	1.65	Youngstown	2.74
Canton	2.50	Akron	2.17
Canfield	2.46	Massillon	2.17
Carrollton	1.70	Springfield	1.98
Cadiz	2.70	Steubenville	2.67
Salem	1.78	New Philadelphia	2.39
New Lisbon	2.22		

THE trial of PIPER, at Boston, for the murder of MABEL W. YOUNG, in the belfry of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, has resulted in the disagreement of the jury, showing that the case was not very clearly made out. At the time of the murder, which was a horrible one, the guilt of PIPER was considered as unquestionable, and he was treated as a fiend by the press of the whole country: but the trial has not proved his guilt satisfactorily. The only witness against him was a convict named GLOVER, who swore that he saw PIPER jump from the belfry shortly before the murder was discovered; but GLOVER'S reputation was so bad, and the story told by PIPER in his defense was so plain and straightforward, that the jury refused to convict. If PIPER is really innocent, the press generally has very greatly wronged him.

THE New York *Bulletin* follows up its recent startling exhibit of the enormous and steadily increasing burden of taxation in that city, with similar exhibits of the taxation of Boston and other cities, showing that in a greater or less degree abuses in assessments and the reckless contraction of debts, producing high taxation, are proving a most onerous load for the people to carry, depreciating real estate values, and crippling enterprise generally. One of the most pressing needs of the time is the demand for the rectification of these abuses. There is almost everywhere a woeful lack of simplicity in our municipal forms of government. They are cumbrous and old fashioned, like the obsolete stage coach, and quite out of harmony with an age so fruitful of time and labor saving inventions. Every business in the land is conducted on a more or less improved scale, except that of municipal government.

THE first reflection which suggests itself to every reader of the Congressional news, is that the Democratic members of the House are extremely unwilling to come to a square vote upon the propositions offered by the Republican members. They back and fill, squirm and dodge, move to lay on the table, and then withdraw the motion, finally getting rid of such troublesome affairs by referring them to committees, and all because they are afraid to show their hands upon pending issues. Upon such one-sided questions as the third term and the granting of subsidies they are very bold, because all parties are of one mind on such questions; but on questions of finance, currency, revenue, and the side issues growing out of them, they are afraid to express an opinion. And yet they claim to be statesmen, and set their cowardly party up as the embodiment of wisdom and virtue. A party that either has no opinions to express on current questions, or is afraid to express them, if it has any, is utterly unfitted by its ignorance or its pusillanimity for the task of governing.

THE Philadelphia *Times* thinks that, inasmuch as the Constitution speaks of the approaching session of the Legislature as an "adjourned *annual* session," it "cannot be an annual session at all if it continues for two years; and if it is not a continuous session of both branches, every measure must be introduced again, regardless of its position at the last adjournment." But it is an "*adjourned*" session, as well as an "annual" one; and an "adjourned" session carries with it necessarily the idea of continuousness. The word "annual" was used in this connection simply to discriminate between the "adjourned sessions" which the Constitution provides for permanently, and the yearly sessions which it permits only until 1878. Congress, as the Constitution requires, holds annual sessions; but as the House of Representatives, like our Legislature, is chosen for two years, the second session has always been considered as a continuance of the first. The use, therefore, of the word "annual," here, does not necessarily imply that the session is not continuous. There may be annual and continuous sessions of the same body; and the fact that the Constitution speaks of them also as "adjourned" sessions, may very properly be construed to mean that the Legislature, chosen for two years, may adjourn each year, to meet at the regular time in the next year, until 1878, and resume business where it left off.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

"Crooked whisky" has been mashed into "interconvoluted cornbroth."

Christmas hastens on apace. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Of the thirty-one House telegraphic correspondents at Washington six are women.

Bayard Taylor is making elaborate studies for a combined biography of Goethe and Schiller.

Good for NIX. A Kentuckian of that name offers to eat thirty quails in thirty consecutive days.

Rumors are rife in Washington regarding Schenck. It is stated that he has sent in his resignation.

A glittering item. The coinage operations at the Mint of California for November aggregate $2,023,000.

A scheme has been set on foot in Virginia to raise a fund for the benefit of the daughter of Stonewall Jackson.

Redeemed with a price. A Christmas colony is forming in East Africa, under the care of Rev. Mr. Price and wife.

"Hom'st ignorance is at a premium now," says the St. Louis *Times*, whence we infer that the *Times* is prosperous.

The people of Boston appreciate a good Mayor when they get him, and so they backed their Cobb for a third heat.

Baltimore importers are troubled to get cash gold wherewith to pay duties. It's the currency question that bothers.

Paul Boyton wants a national convention to discuss the swim question, and calls on the press to set the matter afloat.

"Does cooking injure the health of stocks?" asks an agricultural exchange. Not if the stock has been properly killed.

Frozen up. The precautionary storm signals of the Signal service have been discontinued for the season at all the lake ports.

The Japanese are making rapid strides in civilization. Six of them were recently sent to prison for selling fishes' eggs for silkworms' eggs.

A "tramp" recently redeemed his tribe from utter disrepute by giving an alarm of fire and helping to save the imperilled property of Ludbury, Mass.

Cheeky. Photographs of the New York *World* editor are being sent broadcast through the country in connection with appeals for subscriptions.

Tit for tat. The Democrats in the Government departments ought to be removed to make room for the Union soldiers discharged from the House.

Slowing up. We have thus far completed this year 1,176 miles of railroad, against 1,731 miles for the same period in 1874, 3,456 in 1873, and 6,559 in 1872.

Hard times are at war with the soft passion. Marriages are fewer in Boston, this year, than they were last year, by more than 600. Matter o'money, you see.

Palestine is practically worthless in an economical point of view, but there is an endeavor to arouse a religious sentiment in England in favor of buying it.

The discovery of an excellent use for grasshoppers has been made. Baked or boiled, and afterward made into a paste, they form an admirable bait for the sardine.

Quicksilver is slow, and the California papers look for the closing of several of the less productive quicksilver mines unless there is soon a considerable rise in price.

A canal across Michigan is the latest internal improvement scheme. A Chicago *Tribune* correspondent thinks it can be constructed for eight millions.

A cargo of magnolia logs, of which there is an almost inexhaustible supply in Florida, has been shipped from that State to New York for experimental use in engraving.

Curdling. Several millions of pounds of cheese now remain in the hands of country producers in New York that cannot be sold for eleven cents, which could have been sold two months ago for fourteen cents.

Want to earn some money? The Government will reward persons not officially connected with the revenue service, for informations leading to the detection and punishment of violators of the internal revenue laws.

The *Inter-Ocean* says: "The presentation in Congress of a petition with a list of signatures *one mile long*, for the repeal of the two cent stamp on bank checks indicates its repeal." This is an eight-fut stretch of the truth. The length of the petition was a furlong.

PERSONAL.

An Illinois "State's rights" father, who made a solemn vow with his wife to name a child for every State in the Union, or die in the attempt, has now twenty living "State representatives."

Major J. W. Powell, of the Geological Survey of the Territories, leaves Washington very soon for a tour among the Moquis Indians in Arizona, collecting curiosities of that strange people for the Centennial.

Clara Morris and husband are in Washington on their way to Florida to spend the winter. Miss Morris' physicians having advised her to give up the stage for the present and seek a restoration of health in a warmer climate.

Reverdy Johnson is enjoying life with his son-in-law in London, at the age of 76. The old gentleman is quite blind, but a place is still left for him at those British dining-tables to which his devotion in 1866 was somewhat famous.

Governor Peck, of Vermont, has a heart as big as a bushel. Seeing an old woman sawing wood, the other day, he stopped his horse, took off his coat and sawed and split enough to last her and her aged husband for some time.

Shoddy. A few days ago, an elegantly dressed lady got into a Madison avenue, New York, car, and, although the day was cold, she could not wear her gloves, on account of her many diamond rings. A balky horse, having twice stopped the car, the lady went to the door, and, looking at the team for a few moments, said to the driver: "That ere off horse ain't used to be driv on that 'ere side."

A Connecticut Deputy Sheriff hit on an ingenious method for capturing a thief whom he was chasing one day this week. The running powers of each were so evenly matched that the officer, though close upon the culprit, was unable to gain ground. Suddenly the officer, though unarmed, threatened to shoot, and, picking up a hard lump of snow, hit the thief behind the ear; the man instantly fell, believing that he was shot, and was captured without difficulty.

Another English Colonel, Hon. James Dormer, Quartermaster at Dover, has fallen scandalously in love. The object of his affections is a Mrs. Spry, whose husband holds an appointment in India. Divorce decreed. Still another Colonel, Clifford by name, a Victoria Cross man, recently eloped with the wife of a brother officer and has been dismissed from the service. This officer comes from a very ancient and estimable Roman Catholic family, and the present peer of that name is his brother.

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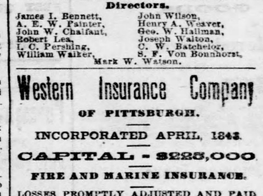

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Abstract of Properties to be sold by the Sheriff of Allegheny County, on Monday, January 3, 1876, at 10 O'clock A. M., at the Court House, City of Pittsburgh.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

Five hundred dollars of the price or sum for which the property shall be struck off, shall be paid to the Sheriff at the time of sale or by Friday, January 7th, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., unless the purchaser's money shall be less than that sum, in which case only the purchase money shall be paid, otherwise the property will again be sold on Friday, January 7th 1876 at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place, be put up and sold, at the expense and risk of the person to whom it was struck off, who in the case of any deficiency in such resale, shall make good the same; in case of the sale being for a very large amount, will deposit and that ten per cent. of the purchase money be paid in addition to the $500.

N. B.—For the benefit of our unprofessional readers, who do not understand the meaning of the letters and figures following the defendant's name, we make the following

EXPLANATION.

No. 2, Court of Common Pleas. No. 2 indicates the court of which the writ of execution was issued under which the sale is made; V. E., or Vend. Ex., Venditioni Exponas; L. F., or Lev. Fa., Levari Facias; F. or Fi. Fa., Fieri Facias, show the kind of writs; a Levari Facias is the writ of sale on a mortgage, mechanics' lien, or a municipal lien; Venditioni, or Fieri Facias, on an ordinary debt, or for ground rent; J., '76, means No. 22 of January Term, '76, the number and term of the docket; the following figures show the amount of the debt, and the name following is the name of the attorney issuing the writ.

JOHN P. SCHMIDT.

No. 2, V. E., 22 J., '76. $5,040 95.

GEYER.

Lot fronting 36 feet on north side of Penn street, Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, and running back between lots of Brannman and Keeling about 107 feet, and having thereon erected a two story brick house. Deed Book, vol. 175, page 431.

JACOB DONCH.

No. 2, L. F., 30 J., '76. $562 27.

GEYER.

Lot fronting 55 feet on township road, at corner of New Brighton plankroad in Pine township and having thereon erected a two story frame building. Deed Book, vol. 274, page 571.

SYLVESTER BARKER and WM. BURTON.

No. 2, L. F., 31 J., '76. $11,533 93.

GEYER.

Three lots fronting each 20 feet on east side of Anderson street, Allegheny City, and running back between lots of Forest and McIntosh about 140 feet to an alley, together with machinery, &c., contained in buildings erected on said property. Deed Book, vol. 257, page 234.

PETER J. GORDON and FRANCIS FITZGERALD.

No. 2, F. F., 39 J., '75. $438 28.

BROWN & LAMBIE.

Lots Nos. 10 and 11 in W. J. Radcliff's plan, fronting together 48 feet on north side of Chestnut street, Wilkins township, and running back about 134 feet. Deed Book, vol. 233, page 231, and vol. 343, page 1. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 152.

RICHARD MORTON.

No. 2, L. F., 42 J., '76. $792 11.

A. J. BARTON.

Lot No. 35 in C. H. Love's plan, fronting 20 feet on Yard avenue, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 91 feet to Ripple alley. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 34.

MARGARET CLANCEY, trustee for STEPHEN CLANCEY.

No. 2, L. F., 46 J., '75. $2,294 95.

PURVIANCE.

Lot No. 8 in C. H. Love's plan, fronting 20 feet on Rose street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back along Charles street 110 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling.

JACOB MEYER and JULIUS EICHER.

No. 2, L. F., 48 J., '76. $663 57.

MORELAND.

Three-story brick saloon and dwelling and lot fronting 20 feet on Diamond street, Pittsburgh, and running back 95 feet, being No. 75 on said street.

SAMUEL M'GEARY.

No. 2, L. F., 71 J., '75. $2,262 90.

MACCONNELL.

Lot No. 132 in Mellon's plan of Homewood, fronting 25 feet on a 40 feet street, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley. Plan Book, vol. 3, page 270.

FREDERICK ALBRECHT.

No. 2, V. E., 73 J., '76. $4,026 68.

MELLON.

Part of lot No. 9 in Dr Bradford's plan, fronting 22 feet on Carson street, Birmingham, and running back 80 feet, and having thereon erected two two story brick buildings.

MICHAEL O'NEAL.

No. 2, V. E., 93 J., '76. $220 33.

REARDON & O'KEEFE.

Lot No. 37 in Charles Meyran's plan, fronting 22 feet on Meyran street, Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 91 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Plan Book, vol. 4, page 134.

HEINRICH SAUER.

No. 2, F. F., 94 J., '75. $650.

WHITESELL.

Lot fronting 24 feet on south side of Franklin street, 144 feet east from Fulton street, Allegheny City, and running back 70 feet to Decatur street, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house and back buildings. Deed Book, vol. 228, page 385.

WM. V. MARQUIS and ELLEN J. MARQUIS, deceased, in the hands of W. V. MARQUIS, Administrator.

No. 2, L. F., 98 J., '76. $1,145 33.

ROGERS & OLIVER.

Part of lot No. 105 in Sylvanus Lathrop's plan, fronting 21 feet on south side of Robinson street, Allegheny City, and running back 58 feet.

C. C. KELLY.

No. 2, F. F., 102 J., '76. $385. J. H. KERR.

Lot fronting 30 feet on west side of Liberty-fifth street, 212 73-100 feet from Dawson street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 106 7-10 feet to an alley, and having thereon erected four two-story brick dwelling houses. Deed Book, vol. 274, page 534.

MARTIN M'MAHON.

No. 2, L. F., 105 J., '76. $1,121 56.

M. HUNTER.

Lot No. 101 in plan of Anna H. Irwin's executors, fronting 20½ feet on Forty-sixth street, Seventeenth ward, Pittsburgh, and running back 100 feet to an alley. Deed Book, vol. 277, page 493.

CONSTANTINE JORDAN.

No. 2, V. E., 118 J., '76. $436 32. LEWIS.

Lot fronting 30 feet on south side of Pine street, Sharpsburg, and running back along line of Philip Weyman 100 feet, and having theron erected a two-story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 275, page 458.

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Lot fronting 30 feet on south side of Main street, Sharpsburg, adjoining above described lot, and running back 100 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling. Deed Book, vol. 211, page 182.

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No. 2, L. F., 119 J., '76. $366 24. LEWIS.

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No. 2, L. F., 120 J., '76. $2,104.

GAZZAN & COCHRAN

CITY MATTERS.

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

New Agent at East Liberty.

Mr. John Stewart has taken the agency for the COMMERCIAL at East Liberty, and will serve its patrons promptly and diligently.

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Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV. } Room 23, First National Bank: PITTSBURGH, PA., December 17, 1875. }

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	29.933	13	62	W.	Fresh.	Clear.
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9 P. M.	30.139	7	60	W.	Fresh.	Clear.

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Theodore Tilton

will deliver his new lecture on

"THE PROBLEM OF LIFE,"

at Library Hall, this evening. Tickets seventy-five cents. For sale at Hale's Music Store and at the door.

The Alarm Last Night.

The alarm turned in from box 112, at five minutes past ten o'clock last night, was caused by the blowing out of the "manhead" of a boiler in Valentine's oil refinery at Saw Mill Run. No one was injured and no damage was done.

Amusements.

Pittsburgh Opera House—The Fraynes in "Si Slocum," at matinee and this evening.

Academy of Music—"Jack and Jill" this afternoon and evening.

Fifth Avenue Comedy Theater—Sam Sanford's Old Time Minstrels, matinee and evening.

Trimble's Varieties Theater—Two performances, matinee and evening.

Next week—"The Victor of Rhe" at the Opera House; "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Comedy; Haverly's minstrels at Library Hall.

A Rare Hebrew Bible.

Mr. Meyer Strong, of Allegheny City, has, through Rev. Dr. L. Naumberg, of the same city, presented the College of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with a rare and curious Hebrew Bible. It is edited by Daniel Ernesti Jablonski, published at Berlin in 1690, and dedicated to the Most Serene and Powerful Prince Frederick III., Marquis of Brandenburg, Chamberlain and Chief Elector of Prussia, Magdeburg, Cleves, &c. Mr. Moritz Loth, of Cincinnati, the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will have care Dr. Naumberg sent the book, has deposited it for present safe keeping with the Librarian of the Cincinnati Public Library.

The New Relief Association.

As previously arranged, the Board of Managers of the new Pittsburgh Association for the Improvement of the Poor, met yesterday afternoon in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association. What they did, if anything, of public interest or any interest, we are unable to report. The Board is composed exclusively of ladies, twenty-four in all, and, knowing the disinclination of some of the members to have any one of the male sex at their meetings, our reporter did not call there until a late hour, expecting to procure, at adjournment, such information as would be of public interest and for the good of the Association. Before he had time to explain, however, he was bowed out with the information that the meeting was private.

The City Surveys.

A special meeting of the Survey Committee of the City Councils was held yesterday, Mr. Aull in the chair, when the following business was transacted:

Ordinances were ordered to be reported to Councils with an affirmative recommendation as follows: Ordinances changing location of Heberton street from Stanton avenue to Graff street; locating Collins avenue from Stanton avenue to Graff street; locating Clement street from Saw Mill Run Railroad to Carson street.

A plan was ordered for the location of Station street from Pennsylvania Railroad to Frankstown avenue, at a width of sixty feet.

Action was postponed in the matter of relocating Murray avenue from Wilkins avenue to Four Mile Run road, and the parties interested will be notified when the committee next meets.

Adjourned.

Killed on the Railroad.

The Coroner, yesterday morning, held an inquest on the body of John Shadle, a coal miner, who was killed near Turtle Creek Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, Thursday evening, by being struck by a train. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was going from Station to Station in the afternoon, and about half-past six P. M. he was found lying on the north track with both his legs broken and his skull fractured. He was carried to the station building and the physician of the road, Dr. Hamilton, was summoned to attend him. The unfortunate man died at half-past ten o'clock. It is supposed he was struck by the Limited Mail. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death by being struck by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The deceased was about forty-five years old. He was a widower and leaves one child in Patton township, where he resided.

Attempted Burglary.

A bold attempt was made by burglars yesterday morning, between twelve and one o'clock, to gain entrance to the residence of Mr. C. Graham, near Semiary Hill, Allegheny. The locks of every door in the house were drawn by means of instruments, but efforts to find a door not provided with the extra security of bolts. They at length speeceded in opening the outer hall door vestibule. The inner door was locked and bolted also, and they proceeded to break the glass transom, the sound of which aroused the family. When he concealed himself in the hall, armed with a revolver, an arm was put through the broken transom, when he took aim and drew the trigger. The pistol missed fire, and the click of the hammer was heard by the rascals, who took to their heels. Several shots were fired after them, but without effect. This is the second attempt to burglarize the place, a trial having been made upon it about a week ago.

Friendship.

Shortly you will be called upon to manifest your love and friendship, and as it is now customary in all ages for parents to give good gifts to their children, and for friends to manifest their good will, one toward another, by giving a memento of some description, and valuing each token as much friendship, so it is that we now find the out-croppings of this inbred principle manifesting itself as the merry Christmas time approaches. George W. Haslett, No. 79 Smithfield street, has in store a fine line of goods suitable for Christmas gifts, and we desire to say that we consider he is unfinally appreciated; for instance, a fine cameo set of jewelry, a fine gold watch, for either ladies or gentlemen, or a solid silver or plated tea set, and a host of other fine goods, at low prices, are offered for your inspection. Mr. Haslett has secured the services of Mr. Charles Sheible, an experienced and reliable watchmaker, having learned his trade with Mr. Steel Turbett, who was one of the finest workmen in this city in his day.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

REV. ALFRED H. KELLOGG, of Philadelphia, will preach in the Third Presbyterian church, Sixth avenue, to-morrow morning and evening.

THE Exposition Sunday School will hereafter be held in the lecture rooms and main audience rooms, which will be comfortably warmed and provided with seats.

REV. G. A. MOZRAT, of East Birmingham Baptist Church, preaches to-morrow morning on "Worship and its Object," and evening on "How to Get a Knowledge of the Truth."

REV. G. H. HUMPHREY, of the South Side, will preach to-morrow morning on "Charity—When, to Whom and How it Should be Bestow'd." Evening subject: "Is a Less Objectionable Bible Possible."

REV. MISS CHAPIN will preach to-morrow at the Universalist church, corner Third avenue and Grant street. Subject, "The Christian Doctrine of Inspiration." Evening subject, "The Church of the Future."

THE annual report of the American Sunday School Union shows that the organization more than 61,000 Sunday schools, gathered into them 2,650,000 children and teachers, and added 600,000 teachers during the fifty years of its existence.

THE Woman's Missionary Society of the Sandusky street Baptist Church will hold its anniversary on Lord's Day, December 19, at 7:30 P. M. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. S. Hulson, pastor of Nixon street Church.

On Sunday morning, both morning and afternoon, Rev. R. D. Sproull, formerly of this place, but of late years a resident of Steubenville, O., will occupy the pulpit of the Central R. P. church of Allegheny. Mr. Sproull is here on a visit to his friends.

REV. R. W. PEARSON, D.D., will preach in the new Fourth avenue Baptist church to-morrow morning on "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and the devil and the wife who helped him," and in the evening at 7½ on "Wife No. 19." Accessions are being made to this church every week.

REV. R. C. CHRISTY, formerly one of the pastors of St. Peters R. C. Church, Allegheny, and now chief chaplain of the "Round Head Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers," has been appointed to the pastorate of the Kittanning, Armstrong county, Catholic congregation.

The fourth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society connected with the Sandusky street Baptist church (Rev. B. F. Woodburn's), Allegheny city, will be held to-morrow (Sabbath) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer will be read. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. S. Hutson. All friends of missions are cordially invited.

THE INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION.

Names of Members of Committee Appointed.

Charles W. Batchelor, Esq., Chairman, has appointed the following committee of investigation, in pursuance of the resolution offered by Mr. Garrison, at the meeting of members of the Franklin Engineering Institute held on Thursday: John Dunlap, Chairman, Alexander Bradley, James C. Lewis, James Park, Jr., and C. E. Herres.

The members of the Institute will meet at the call of the above committee, when the alleged irregularities in connection with the election will be further acted upon.

TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

Service of Song at the Academy of Music Sunday Evening.

The temperance jubilee meeting to be held in the Academy of Music to-morrow evening will be somewhat changed from the usual order of exercises. The following selections will be sung by the band and Mrs. Lincoln, and the chorus of male and female voices, and immediately after each selection is sung an address of five or ten minutes will be made, applying the subject embraced in the songs. The following are the selections to be sung: "Yield not to Temptation," "The Rumseller's Lament," "Ninety and Nine," "Jesus of Nazareth," "Waiting and Watching." These services begin at 7:30 o'clock.

VAN NOTES.

Further Revelations—That $170 and Other Industrial Items.

We append, without comment, the latest revelations:

A PROPRIETOR HEARD FROM.

H. A. Lavely stated to two members of the Executive Committee that Mr. Sebeneck, of the *Chronicle*, offered to control the press of the city in the interest of the Exposition, for the sum of $500 or $600. It was mentioned to the committee as as a verbal and formal offer, and rejected. If Mr. Vannote did for $170 what Mr. Lavely says Mr. Sebeneck wished $500 or $600 for, who has any cause for complaint?—*Gazette.*

PITTSBURGH, December 17, 1875.

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

In answer to a local in the *Gazette* of this morning, stating that I "stated to two members of the Executive Committee that Mr. Sebeneck, of the *Chronicle* offered to control the press of the city in the interest of the Exposition for the sum of $600 or $600," I would say that Mr. S. never said to me any such thing, and that I consequently did not make such a statement to the Executive Committee. What I did report to *one* of the members of the Executive Committee was a conversation I had with Mr. Sebeneck in August last, in reference to the legitimate advertising of the Exposition. He gave an estimate of the probable cost in his own paper —say four or five hundred dollars—and that amount was reported to the member. There was nothing in the statement, or any portion of it, that could, by any possible means, be tortured into a construction that he offered to control, influence or bribe other papers for $500 or $600.

What the above statement, therefore, has to do with the conundrum with which the local concludes, "If Mr. Vannote threw off what Mr. Lavely says Mr. Siebeneck wished $500 or $600 for, who has any cause for complaint?" I am at a loss to say. The $170—as I understand it—is the balance of $489 paid for *preliminary* advertising prior to June 1, for which Mr. Vannote has been unable to account.

Yours very truly, HENRY A. LAVELY.

"PAID RENT OF ROOM. $15."

Mr. Vannote made a statement to the Board of Directors that he had given me fifteen dollars to pay rent to Germania Bank, and that he could prove it. All I have to say is, that the statement is a deliberate falsehood, and I challenge him to the proofs.

December 17, 1875. F. A. PARKE.

DIDN'T VOTE THAT TICKET.

The following appeared in yesterday's *Telegraph*:

In your list of "Bogus Charlies" who voted the Vannote ticket, I find my name.

Will you, in justice, allow me to say that I was employed to get together and manage an Art Gallery, with very limited time and means, and having performed that duty to the best of my ability, I considered my labors ended and have attended no meetings and voted no votes. And my name is not Charley.

Very respectfully yours, JOHN P. ROSS.

"MEETING OBLIQUY TO SHIELD," ETC.

Mr. Vannote would represent himself to be "shielding" the reporters, and yet he knows that they "received money at times outside of their salary." If Mr. Vannote knows of this he is guilty of a conspiracy against publishers in concealing such knowledge, and is therefore not the noble, self-sacrificing being that he would have the world to believe.—*Leader.*

No member of the reportorial corps needs any protection from Mr. Vannote, and the obloquy must be assumed for self-protection.—*Mail.*

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Exhibition of the Preparatory Department.

Prof. Ludden and his earnest helpers last evening presented to the public one of those annual entertainments that, to the lads engaged, their parents and friends and others, make so pleasant and appropriate an introduction to the holiday season. Cold as the evening was, a goodly audience gathered at the University Hall, and how well they were pleased may be judged from the programme given below, which, it is hardly necessary to say, was creditably presented. The uniformly good performance of speakers so young as these lads are, certainly argues skillful and laborious training.

Programme.

MUSIC.	PRAYER.	MUSIC.
Prologue,		J. C. Martin.
"William Tell,"		J. A. McCord.
"Katie and Willie,"		A. C. Robinson.
"Mein Kind,"		F. Blackmore.
	MUSIC.	
"Independence Bell,"		W. B. Kirker.
"The Boys,"		J. M. Morrison.
"The Heroes of the Flood,"		E. P. S. Wright.
"Prayer and Potatoes,"		J. B. Stewart.
	MUSIC.	
The Town Meeting.		
'Squire Fungus,		E. F. Gallagher.
Jotham Scribble,		H. T. Todd.
Dr. Borax,		A. R. Thaw.
Deacon Whimple,		S. R. Davidson.
'Squire Gump,		J. B. Stewart.
Mr. Timlins,		E. E. Briggs.
Mr. Fussy,		S. H. Weaver.
Mr. Lawyer,		T. H. McKnight.
Mr. Oldtime,		J. M. Morrison.
Mr. Willing,		F. B. Cooper.
Mr. Digger,		J. Leitch.
Mr. Grove,		D. W. McNaugher.
Mr. Scripture,		F. G. Darlington.
Mr. Carpenter,		R. W. Elton.
Mr. Forerunner,		T. S. Clarke.
Mr. Twitter,		W. B. Buffum.
Mr. Watts,		W. N. Jarrett.
	MUSIC.	
"The Raven",		Prof. F. A. Barr.
Parody on "The Raven",		J. Jahn, Jr.
"Rapsuzier Rede",		C. S. Cole.
	MUSIC.	
"Will the New Year Come To-night",		R. H. Hay.
"The Ghost",		Prof. F. A. Barr.

Boy Seriously Injured.

Harry Topper, a little boy living on Mount Washington, was seriously injured on Thursday evening at the check house above the Union Rolling Mill. While playing around the machinery of the coal railroad incline he got caught between the rope and a lot of lumber and before he was extricated was severely crushed and internally injured.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE Committee on Wooden Buildings failed to meet last evening for want of a quorum.

THE Humane Society has succeeded in having the hawk on Sixth avenue, to which live pigeons were fed, removed.

WILLIAM PATTERSON, a driver for the oyster firm of T. S. Kimmell & Co., was kicked on the leg by a horse yesterday and severely injured.

MCGOWAN, implicated with Coates in certain counterfeiting operations, was before Alderman Lavely, but failed to answer and his bail was forfeited.

DURING the present year nearly 10,000 tramps were temporarily cared for at the Allegheny County Home, at Woodville station, near Manchester.

CHARLES HENDERSON was arrested at the Federal street depot yesterday while in the act of picking Lady's pocket. Alderman Phillips promptly retired the rascal for ninety days.

MR. HUGH CLANEY, an old resident of Bellevue, had his pocket picked Thursday afternoon, while riding home in the five o'clock train on the Fort Wayne road. He lost $50.

A MAN, name not ascertained, was nearly drowned yesterday by breaking through the ice on the Park lake, in Allegheny, while skating. He was rescued by a boy named Thompson.

DEMORAY COMMANDERY, K. T., of Washington City, gave, on Wednesday evening, a grand reception to Hon. James H. Hopkins, of this city, who is the Most Worshipful Eminent Grand Master of the United States.

REV. DERBITT'S term as Jail Chaplain expires at the end of the present year. The county Prison Association, which pays his salary, it is stated, is unable to further support the position, and hence the office established by it will be abolished.

THE counsel for William Green, convicted of murder of the first degree, have obtained from the court for a new trial, assigning as reasons that the verdict was not justified by the evidence, and that the court erred in not affirming certain points for the defense.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to a contemporary, enthusiastically declares that Rev. Dr. Hoige over made use of the expression attributed to him by Dr. Bittinger, that "the minister who said he could approve the Confession of Faith, from beginning to end, was either an ignorant man or a liar."

SUPERINTENDENT ATKINSON, of the water works, is putting "warmers" about the fire plugs in the lower portion of the city, to prevent them from freezing. The aggregate cost for each box is thirty cents, and it is estimated that the chargeable to the service 70 each day will not exceed one dollar.

WOODBERRY, who is charged with felonious assault and battery by Dick Fuhr, has been held in $2,000 for a hearing before Mayor McCarthy next Tuesday. Fuhr alleges that on Wednesday night Woodberry knocked him down with a handy billy and since that time he has been confined to the house.

DAVID AND MARY HUTCHINSON entered suit in ejectment in the Comm. Pleas Court No. 1, yesterday, against Nicholas Pfranzinger and Elizabeth his wife, Adam Becker, Henry Bise, Philip Siender and Evan Jones, to recover possession of six lots of ground in the Sixth, formerly the Eighth, ward of this city.

THE *College Journal* for January 15, has been issued, and a capital number it is. The editorial and original matter are good, the typography is faultless, and the entire make up is artistic and pleasing. It is a paper of young gentlemen, *alumni* of the Western University, and the terms are only seventy-five cents a year.

FRED. HAAS, an Allegheny grocer, whose store was robbed a few days ago, "feeling it in his bones" that his premises would be visited again on Thursday night, filled an old sack with sawdust and placed it near his front door. It stood there in the morning. Allegheny thieves are not particular—all they want is provisions.

IT HAS been decided to sink the artesian well at the Allegheny City Poor House several hundred feet deeper, if possible, in order to obtain a supply of gas sufficient to light the buildings. Gas has been escaping from the well for some time past, but it is thought that a sufficiently abundant supply can be obtained. As the work can be done without incurring any heavy expense, the experiment is worth trying.

THE citizens of the Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth wards held a meeting last evening for the purpose of taking measures looking to a separation from the city. A committee was appointed to go to Harrisburg this winter to endeavor to obtain the desired legislation, and will, it is said, be armed with them a petition containing the names of seven-eighths of the voters in the wards named.

CHRISTMAS, 1875.

Santa-Clause Headquarters.

One, on stopping in at Messrs. Reymer Bros., Nos. 123, 126 and 130 Wood street, cannot help thinking that Santa-Clause has, indeed, established his headquarters there, so numerous is the variety of sweetmeats and other articles wherewith to make the festive season, so near at hand, one of enjoyment, not only to the dear little ones, whose wonder-lighted eyes at the merry Christmas day approaches, as to what Santa-Clause has in store for them, but we older ones as well. The following variety of good things can be found at this establishment in great abundance: Fine French Candies, Bonbons, Caramels, Chocolates, French Fruits; fine Almonds, such as Vanilla, Rose, Cream and Kernsdell; Toy Ornaments, Maliga Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, fine Raisins in small and large boxes; Mixed Candies, all grades and perfectly pure; Canned Goods in great variety and of the finest quality, fine Chocolate, Prudhomme's Caramels and Cuban Flake. Go and see this fine display.

Boquet Holders.

J. P. Smith, Son & Co., 189 Liberty street, have a fine assortment for the Holidays.

Real Estate.

Persons looking around for investment should first call on C. Beringer, 116 Smithfield street, as he has the largest amount of all kinds of property in the city, including farms of all sizes, from a desirable property and dwellings from a cottage to a palace.

German Canaries.

Warranted Singers, $3 50 each, at Benjamin A. Elliott & Co.'s, 114 Market street.

Ladie's and Gentlemen's Dining Rooms.

Open all hours during the day. Meals served at reasonable prices. P. Schildecker, No. 22 Diamond street.

POSITIVE SALE

Of Second Hand Pianos and Organs.

In order to make room for a large stock of holiday goods, constantly arriving, Messrs. Mellor & Hoene, 79 Fifth avenue, offer the following well known makes of pianos and organs, all of which are in good order, some used but a short time, and looking as good as new, at an immense reduction from regular selling prices. The pianos are: One Chickering, worth new, $800; one Knabe, worth new, $700; one Decker Bros., new, $700; one Calenberg & Vaupel, new, $650; one Emerson, new, $500; one Miller, new, $500; one Gabler, new, $500, and several others at different prices. Among the list of organs we find Mason & Hamlin, Taylor & Farley, Estey, Shoninger and other makes. All persons wanting to secure a really good bargain had better call soon as those who come first will have the pick of the largest and finest lot of second hand instruments ever offered here, and as they must be sold you can get a bargain, besides having them on easy payments if desired. Remember the place, Mellor & Hoene's, 79 Fifth avenue.

Parlor Furniture

At E. EDMUNDSON & SON'S,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

NEW BOOKS

For Holiday Gifts.

"Splendid Times,"
By Mrs. Sangster. A choice wake book for children, full of fine pictures. $1.

"Proud Little Dody."
Splendid book for girls. Sixteen full-page pictures, illuminated cover. $1 25.

"If Mr. Vannote Threw."
Capital story. Five pictures. $1.

"Grandpapa's Home."
Five fine oil-colored pictures. 75 cents.

"Five Happy Weeks."
By Mrs. M. E. Sangster. With five fine chromo pictures, with gold border. 50 cents.

S. A. CLARKE & CO.,
115 Wood street.

Furniture.

If you want to see the latest styles, go to E. EDMUNDSON & SON'S,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

"My Christmas Gift."

REMEMBER THE BEST PLACE TO GET IT IS AT MCFADDENS', 53 FIFTH AVENUE, AT THEIR GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE. YOU WILL SAVE FROM $20 TO $40 ON THE PURCHASE OF A WATCH AND CHAIN, AND CAN BUY ELEGANT SETS OF JEWELRY AT LESS THAN COST.

Lace Curtains.

Over 100 patterns to select from, at
E. EDMUNDSON & SON'S,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

No. 97.

Enquiries are frequently made by persons who purchase from the advertisements of their location, and it is not unfrequently that they are misdirected, hence, we wish our readers to bear in mind the number, as it designates the location of the celebrated Boston Clothing House on Fifth avenue, where you will find a large stock of men and boys' clothing, all made up in the latest style and of superior workmanship.

B. Tiegel,

No. 53 Smithfield street, is fast becoming the leading engraving, printing and binding house, and a solid reputation for good work and a perfect fit. A fine line of pocket cutlery and gruggists can be found at this establishment, and those who are looking around for a first class custom made suit of clothes cannot do better than to give this establishment a call.

The Paragon of Gift-Books.

Whittier's Mabel Martin. Superbly illustrated. For sale by

S. A. CLARKE & CO.,
115 Wood street.

RARE BARGAINS.

Two New Pianos Damaged.

In our holiday shipment of pianos we received two that were damaged in the ills by transportation from New York. One is a splendid Chickering, the other an elegant Kranich & Bach. Both of these instruments warranted sound in every respect, except the above slight injury (which can be repaired at trifling cost), and will be sold one hundred dollars cheaper than regular selling price.

MELLOR & HOENE,
79 Fifth avenue.

Mattresses and Bedding

at as low figures as can be got in the market, at
E. EDMUNDSON & SONS,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

Our New Sample Book

of ladies' fine stationery is ready for inspection.

S. A. CLARKE & CO.,
115 Wood street.

Presentation Committees, Attention!

SPECIAL ATTENTION AND LIBERALITY SHOWN TO PRESENTATION COMMITTEES BY MR. MCFADDEN, 53 FIFTH AVENUE, WHERE YOU WILL FIND GREAT BARGAINS IN ELEGANT WATCHES AND CHAINS, SILVERWARE, TEA SETS, ETC., ETC. REMEMBER THE ACTUAL CLOSING OUT SALE.

Comforts

at $1 25 to $2 50, the cheapest in the market.
E. EDMUNDSON & SON'S,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

Why Books are the Best Holiday Presents.

Because they are

Useful, Durable,

Beautiful,

The Best Company,
The Best Furnishing for any Room,
The Cheapest Presents that can be made.
Buy Books for your Holiday Presents.
A better selection can be made now than in the rush of Christmas week.
Call and be seated at
S. A. CLARKE & CO.'S,
115 Wood street, below Fifth avenue.

Christmas Gifts.

Jardinières, Bonquet Tables, Smokers' Tables, Invalid Tables, Tea Waiting Desks, Easels, Gents' Foot Rests, Fine Screens, Wall Pockets, Corner Backs and Cupboards.

J. P. SMITH, SON & CO.'S,
139 Liberty street, foot of Fifth avenue.

SEAL SKIN SACQUES.

McCord & Co.,

Are receiving daily, Alaska and Shetland Seal Sacques, of superior quality. Cheap.

151 Wood street.

Curtain Goods.

The largest and finest stock in the city, at
E. EDMUNDSON & SON'S,
139 Liberty street,
foot of Fifth avenue.

Make a Note of It.

Five new Juvenile Story Books, which all the girls and boys are dreaming about:

Six to Sixteen.
Eight Cousins.
Nine Little Goslings.
Jolly Good Times.
Mice at Play.

For sale by S. A. CLARKE & CO.,
115 Wood street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Over the River.

When you are out shopping for your holiday purchases, call and decide what you will buy. If you have paid a visit to the establishment of Messrs. Balsley & Latton, No. 24 Diamond street, Allegheny. This establishment presents a very inviting appearance; crowded, as it is, full of every imaginable kind of goods, none need go away without being suited, as the following list will show, and, in addition, they have secured a tenth part of the stock in hand, children's carriages, in fancy varnish, sarsaparilla tea trunks, dolls of every size, fine workboxes, shoe blacking cases, hobby-horses, boys' sleds and sleighs, pails, fancy varnish, musical instruments, doll heads, toy wheelbarrows and wagons, pocketbooks, pocket cutlery, children's tables, with full set of dishes, knives and forks and table cloth, &c. This firm was awarded a silver medal at the late Industrial Exposition for the finest display of children's carriages and next display of children's carriages and

FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 17, 1875.

Another quiet day was reported among the banks and in financial circles to-day, the demand for loans being quite moderate from borrowers of the requisite character. There are always numerous applicants for bank accommodation, of a second rate, or even worse credit, but these rarely obtain from discount boards a favorable verdict on their paper. No new failures were announced to-day, and those that have taken place among the mercantile houses for the past two days, while rather numerous, have not been of such a character as to produce any especial uneasiness. Eastern exchange continues in good supply, and went generally at par in transactions between the banks.

—Speaking of the additional legislation required in connection with the resumption act the New York *Bulletin* very cogently urges that the clause of the act providing for the issue of silver coin in displacement of some $45,000,000 of national currency should be repealed. First, because the procuring of silver for that purpose interposes a very serious obstacle to the Treasury securing the amount of gold coin necessary to paying the interest on the ment of its notes in 1879. It virtually doubles the amount of specie to be held back from export within the next two years in connection with resumption; and, in doing so, it certainly seriously threatens important troubles to our already badly depressed commerce, and to say the least suggests serious doubts about the success of the plan of resumption. Next, this clause should be repealed, because it needlessly augments the national taxation during a period when business is exorbitantly burthened with Government expenditures, to substitute a cumbrous and costly currency for one that is convenient and comparatively costless and which answers admirably for all the purposes of small change. Some $10,000,000 of silver has been already coined under this law and the interest bearing debt correspondingly increased; and the operation of the clause should be stopped at this point.

—The prospects of the future for the iron trade are of vital interest in this section. The continued depression in that branch of industry has discouraged those who have been prophesying its revival for the past two years so much that such predictions are rarely heard at present. It is somewhat encouraging, however, to find a journal of the standing of the *Iron Age* using the following language:

"The iron trade cannot be expected to share to any great extent in the first improvement, as a large consumption of that metal seems to depend, primarily, upon general prosperity. Everything is favorable, however, for an improvement with the return of the spring season. The South and West are in better condition than they have been for many years. Ever since the panic the merchants of these sections have devoted their energies to liquidation; they have bought carefully with a view to quick returns, and are now carrying very small stocks. The Centennial will have the effect of loosening the purse strings of the nation, and setting in circulation a great deal of money, and there will probably be a general restoration of confidence, which has not yet recovered from the effects of the panic. The Presidential canvass is inopportune, but these are exceptional times, and we should not be surprised to see next year an exceptional year in many respects. The country has, we think, accepted the promise of a prompt return to specie payments with satisfaction. Should congress do nothing to interfere with so much of the Treasury policy as has this end in view, the 'currency question' will be considered settled. Prices are well down to the level of a specie basis, and the long deferred hope of a 'good spring trade' seems nearer realization now than it has been since the panic."

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

December 17, 1875.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:45 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Gold	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup	125	124¾	....	....	....
5-20's, 1865	119	116¾	....	....	....
5-20's, 1865, new	120¾	12 ¾	....	....	....
5-20's, 1867, registered	120¾	12 ¾	....	....	....
5-20's, 1867	123¾	123	....	....	....
5-20's, 1868	123¾	123	....	....	....
10-40's	117¾	117¾	....	....	....
10-40's, coupons	118¾	118¾	....	....	....
Currency 6's	122	122	....	....	....
New 5 per cents	117¾	117¾	....	....	....
Western Union Tel	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾
Quicksilver	....	....	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
Panama	....	....	....	....	....
Adams Express	....	....	....	102½	....
Wells, Fargo Ex	....	....	....	84	....
American Express	....	....	....	57	....
U. S. Express	....	....	....	87½	....
New York Central	104	104	104	104	103¾
Erie	16	16¼	15½	16	16
Michigan Central	60¼	....	....	....	....
Michigan Southern	61¼	61¾	61¼	61	61¼
Illinois Central	....	....	90¾	....	....
Cleve., & Pittsburgh	....	....	89¾	....	....
Chicago & Northwest	39¾	39½	39½	39½	39½
Do preferred	....	....	55¾	55¾	55¾
Rock Island	104¼	....	104	....	104
St. Paul, common	35¾	35¾	35¾	....	35¾
Do preferred	66	66¾	....	....	63¼
Wabash, common	....	....	....	....	6¾
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	....	99
Ohio & Mississippi	15¾	16	16¼	16¼	16¼
Union Pacific	....	75	75	75	....
Marietta	....	20	....	....	....
Hannibal & St. Joe	....	20¾	....	....	21½
Atlantic & P., pref'd	....	....	....	....	37
Iron Mountain	....	14¼	....	....	....
C. C. & I. C	....	4	....	....	....
Missouri Pacific	....	....	12¾	12¾	12¾
South Carolinas, April	35	....	....	....	....
South Carolinas, July	35	....	....	....	....
Missouri 6's	102¾	....	....	....	....

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central	....	....	51¾
Reading	....	....	55
United Co's of N. J	135	....	....
Oil Creek	....	....	10½
Lehigh Valley	63¾	64	....
Allegheny Valley	....	....	....
Central Transp'n Co.	46	....	....
P. C. & St. L. m. 7	....	79	....

(By Associated Press.)

Gold Closed at 114¾.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Money 6@7 per cent. gold, closing at 5@6. Prime mercantile paper 6@8 per cent. Customs receipts $273,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $22,000. Clearings $20,000,000. Dry goods imports $904,000. Sterling strong at 484½@485.

GOLD.

Gold opened at 114¾ and closed at 114¾, the two extremes of the day. Carrying rates 8, 3½, 2 and 2½ per cent., but loans were afterwards made flat and 1-64 per cent. per diem for use. This sharp change in loans was a surprise to many speculators and had some influence on the transactions.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds steady and strong. In railroad bonds the leading dealings were in Central Pacific, Union Pacific firsts and land grants, the former rising from 105 to 106, closing at 105¾@106, and the latter closed at 105¾ bid with some offerings below 102. Central Pacific firsts were dealt in to a large amount and closed at 107 bid, but closed firm at 81 bid and 85¼ asked; do plain brought 99¾, Milwaukee and St. Paul, La Crosse and Dubuque, 94¾; Chicago and Rock Island and Indianapolis firsts 105¾ and other Missouri and Mississippi River firsts 104¾@105. State securities quiet. Stocks were dull but steady with but little change from the closing prices of yesterday against 98¾ at the close yesterday and afterward fluctuated between 98¾ and 99¼, closing at 99¼. The decline was in sympathy with the London market, and the latter was based on the report that about a proposition of the English bondholders to assess stock. United States Express was exceptionally strong on the report of large transactions at the Stock Exchange 88,000 shares, with the following: Pacific Mail, 40,000; New York Central, 30,000; Western Union 3,500, Erie 22,000 and Lake Shore 20,000. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

W. U. Tel	75¾	C. C. C. & I	5¾
Pacific Mail	40¾	Do preferred	20
Manhpoa	7¾	Do preferred	65¾
Do preferred	8	Do preferred	18
Adams Express	102¾	Do preferred	7
Wells, Fargo Ex	84	Quicksilver	15¾
American Express	56¾	Terre Haute	5
U. S. Express	89	Do preferred	20¾
New York Central	104¾	Chicago & Alton	110
Erie	16¼	Do preferred	118
Do preferred	31	Del. & Lack	119¼
Harlem	124¾	Del., Lack & W	91¾
Do preferred	134	Burlington & Quincy	114¾
Mich. Central	60	Illinois Central	90¾
Panama	125	Hannibal and St. Jo	21¾
Lake Shore	61¾	Do preferred	37
Illinois Central	90¾	Central Pacific bds	106¾
Clev. & Pittsburgh	89¾	Union Pacific bonds	105¾
Northwestern	39¾	Union Pacific land g's	105¾
Do preferred	55¾	Union Pacific stock	81¼
N. J. Central	103¼	Union P. s'k'g funds	92
Rock Island	104¾		

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	124¾	New 5's	117¾
5-20's, 1865	116	10-40's	117¾
5-20's, 1865, new	120¾	10-40's coupons	118¼
5-20's, 1867	123¼	Currency 6's	122
5-20's, 1868	123¼	6's, 1881, coupons	125
5-20's, 1868	123¼		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	44	Virginia, old	37
Tennessee, new	41	Missouri 6's	102¾
Virginia, new	41		

LONDON, December 17, 5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £58,000. Rates paid for money at the Stock Exchange on Government securities 2 per cent